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TAGS: PDIP, PFOR, EAID, TN, NZ, GW SUBJECT: WEST GERMAN AID TO TONGA

REF: (A) WELLINGTON 0624, (B) STATE 040218, (C) STATE 045880

- 1. WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR SOLTMANN TELLS US THAT GERMAN TEAM LOOKING INTO FRG ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH PACIFIC IS SCHEDULED TO BE IN WELLINGTON FROM MARCH 12 TO 16. MEETINGS WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 15. WE SHALL PICK UP WHAT WE CAN FROM TEAM AND SUBMIT A REPORT.
- 2. WE NOTE WITH INTEREST LATEST INDICATION FROM FRG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON (STATE 045880) THAT FRG WILL GIVE CONSIDERABLE HELP TO THE AIRPORT PROJECT AT NUKU ALOFA. AN INTERESTING POINT IS THAT SOLTMANN HIMSELF HAS EXPRESSED TO US SOME SYMPATHY FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CLASS AIRPORT PROJECT AT NUKU ALOFA. BASIS FOR HIS ATTITUDE APPEARS TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

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APPREHENSION THAT KING OF TONGA MAY HAVE WORKED HIMSELF UP TO SUCH A PITCH OF ENTHUSIASM OVER HIS DREAMS OF HAVING AN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT THAT HE WOULD BE TEMPTED TO TURN TO THE SOVIETS IF ALL OTHER POSSIBILITIES FAILED.

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